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Dear Dr. Sommers:

We are organizing a meeting on Papilloma Viruses to be held at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory from September 14 through September 18, 1982. The aim of this meeting is to provide a comprehensive account of the latest developments in the molecular characterization of human and animal papilloma viruses, of efforts to propagate the viruses in cell cultures and to understand the relation between epithelial cell development and viral metabolism, of the apparent relation of the various wart viruses with squamous cell carcinomas of the cervix, larynx, and skin, and of the progress in utilizing papilloma viruses as novel cloning vectors for amplification and expression of foreign DNA in eukaryotic cells. We would welcome your sending a representative to participate in the meeting.

This will be the first Cold Spring Harbor meeting devoted to Papilloma Viruses. The field is at a critical juncture, with scientists from many disciplines in virology, cell biology and differentiation, immunology, recombinant DNA technology, and human medicine and veterinary science taking a close look at research opportunities with the wart viruses. If we have a broad representation of current workers at this meeting, it will be a great success and will enable it to join the group of CSH Lab specialty meetings (DNA Tumor Viruses, RNA Tumor Viruses, Herpes Viruses, Pox Viruses and Bacterial Viruses) that have been so important in fostering rapid progress in viral research in particular and molecular genetics and cellular metabolism in general.

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We anticipate that a very limited amount of financial support for this meeting will be provided by government grants for which we have made application. However, these small grants will allow us to offset only a small portion of the travel costs for some of the foreign participants. We are also particularly anxious that a number of younger investigators attend the meeting, people with "hands-on" experience, but those who normally have difficulty in obtaining their own funds. In order to accomplish this end, we will need additional funds from non-government sources.

We wish to ask whether you might entertain a grant application (for \$8,000) to provide the partial support we need. If so, please send Tom Broker whatever forms might be required. He could have a completed application back to you within a few days. We would, of course, be pleased to acknowledge any support you could provide in the Abstract Book prepared for the meeting, as we have done in the past.

We very much hope that you will agree with us about the value of this meeting and will want to participate in the meeting and help to provide the financial assistance which we consider essential to its ultimate success.

Yours sincerely,



for the organizers

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